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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EWWT, AS, US

SUBJ: SHIPPING: TRADE PRACTICE ACT DISCRIMINATION

AGAINST IN-BOUND CONFERENCES

REF: A. STATE 107298 NOTAL

  B. CANBERRA 1919

  C. CANBERRA 1170

1. EMBASSY OFFICER AGAIN DISCUSSED TP ACT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST IN-BOUND CONFERENCES (REF A) WITH ROWLAND, DEPT. OF TRANSPORT, MAY 9, REITERATING US CONTINUING CONCERN OVER PROBLEM CAUSED BY STILL UNRECTIFIED DRAFTING ERROR. ROWLAND SAID TRANSPORT MINISTER JONES, WHO FULLY SHARES OUR CONCERN, HAS DECIDED TOWNSHAW AHEAD WITH AMENDING LEGISLATION.

2. HOWEVER, SITUATION IS COMPLICATED BY ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPT. INSISTENCE THAT AMENDING LEGISLATION ALSO CORRECT UNRELATED PROBLEM INVOLVING TP ACT AND TANKER POLICY (I.E. TP ACT NOW PROHIBITS TANKER

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OPERATORS FROM GEETING TOGETHER, AS JONES HAS DIRECTED

THEM TO DO (REF C), TO PRODUCE INDUSTRY PLAN FOR  
IMPLEMENTING JONES' PROPOSAL TO RESERVE 40 PERCENT OF  
AUSTRALIAN OIL IMPORTS FOR AUST. VESSELS). CABINET  
HAS NOT YET APPROVED BILL TO ACCOMPLISH THESE TWO AMEND-  
MENTS, BUT ROWLAND IS OPTIMISTIC APPROVAL WILL BE GIVEN  
SOON. ONCE THAT IS DONE, AMENDING LEGISLATION MUST  
BE PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT. ALTHOUGH HE  
DOUBTS AMENDMENT TO END DISCRIMINATION AGAINST IN-BOUND  
CONFERENCES WILL BE CONTROVERSIAL, ROWLAND IS FAR LESS  
CERTAIN THAT TANKER POLICY AMENDMENT WILL FAIL TO STIR  
UP DEBATES. THUS, EXTENDED DELAY IN PASSAGE IS QUITE POSSIBLE.

3. COMMENT: ROWLAND OBVIOUSLY VERY CONCERNED OVER  
DELAY IN CORRECTING DRAFTING ERROR AND STILL WORRIED THAT  
MISCHIEF-MAKER MIGHT SEEK COURT ORDER TO DISBAND IN-  
BOUND CONFERENCES UNDER PRESENT TP ACT. EMBASSY WILL  
CONTINUE TO FOLLOW SNAIL-PACED DEVELOPMENTS.

4. HOWEVER, SINCE OUR CONCERN IS WELL KNOWN TO AND FULLY  
SHARED BY GOA, WE SEE NO WISDOM IN PRESSING AUSTRALIANS  
FURTHER AT THIS STAGE AS THEY TRY TO CORRECT THEIR OWN  
MISTAKE WITH MINIMAL EMBARRASSMENT AND COMPLICATIONS.  
LIKEWISE, WE SEE NO MERIT AND CONSIDERABLE RISK IN LETTING  
WORD OF THIS PROBLEM LEAK OUT AND RECOMMEND THAT  
DEPARTMENT CONTINUE TO URGE US MARITIME INDUSTRY TO AVOID  
PUBLIC COMMENT ON IT.

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